

|  |                       |              |  |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Supplemental<br/>Notice of Allowability</b> | Application No.       | Applicant(s) |  |
|  | 10/056,560            | SAUND ET AL. |  |
|  | Examiner              | Art Unit     |  |
|  | Gregory F. Cunningham | 2628         |  |

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to printer rush, IDS.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-15,26 and 27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date <u>6-20-05</u></li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
|---|--|

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This action is responsive to printer rush, IDS.
2. The disposition of the claims is as follows: claims 1, 5-15 and 26-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5 and 13 are independent claims.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1, 5-13 and 26-27 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's independent claims 1, 5 and 13 stand novel over the related prior art.

The related art of Seybold et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,005,973), hereinafter Seybold, does make use of receiving input in the form of handwriting on the touch sensitive display or touch screen, the handwriting recognition method executing in this embodiment on a PDA analyzes the handwriting in order to provide one or more candidate characters that may represent the constituent alphanumeric characters that comprise the handwritten input. The process identifies candidate words as developed through reference to a dictionary, a likely string that represents a string of characters that individually and in combination, without reference to the dictionary, appear to most likely represent the input, and a likely string that represents a string of digits, numeric or punctuation, that individually and in combination, without reference to the dictionary, appear to most likely represent the input. The process then provides this list of candidate words, the likely character string, and the likely string of digits, numeric or punctuation, for subsequent use.

However Seybold does not alter the input handwriting on the touch sensitive display into multiple, simultaneously existing structured alternative interpretations, where each of the alternative interpretations being plausible intended outputs of a user. At most, Seybold alters the input handwriting on the touch sensitive display into one of the candidate words or a likely string, characters, digits, numeric or punctuation that appear to most likely represent the input, as claimed in independent claims 1, 5 and 13.

Therefore as claimed by the combined elements of claims 1, 5 and 13, the cited references and prior art of record lack separately and in combination the elements of said claims. Claims (6-12 and 26), 27 and 14-15, depend respectively, from independent claims 1, 5 and 13, and therefore are also allowed.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### *Responses*

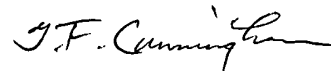
6. Responses to this action should be mailed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. If applicant desires to fax a response, (703) 872-9306 may be used for formal communications.

*Inquiries*

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory F. Cunningham whose telephone number is (571) 272-7784.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kee Tung can be reached on (571) 272-7794. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

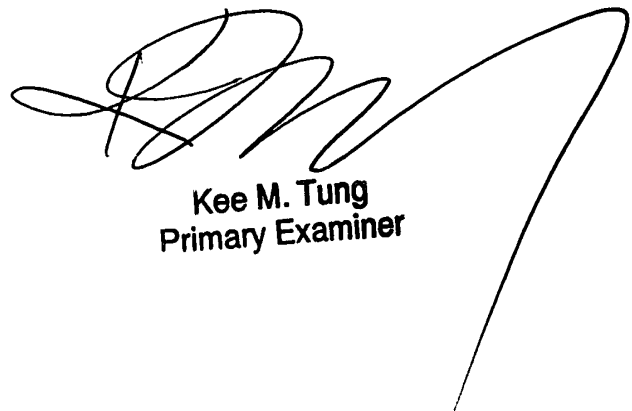


Greg Cunningham

Examiner

Art Unit 2628

04/04/2006



**Kee M. Tung**  
**Primary Examiner**